Trauma centre in Himachal Pradesh

1277. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) being hilly terrain and keeping in view the accidents, whether Government are planning to start trauma centres in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject it is for the State Government of Himachal Pradesh to set up trauma centres depending upon their perception of need and availability of resources. However, under the scheme for up-gradation of emergency services in State Government Hospitals located on National Highways, financial assistance has been sanctioned to three State Government Hospitals in Himachal Pradesh namely: Indira Gandhi Medical College & Hospital, Simla; Regional Hospital, Kullu and Zonal Hospital, Bilaspur.

Indegenous medicine for cancer

† 1278 SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any indegenous medicine is being produced for the treatment of cancer; and

(b) if so, the details about the name, price and availability of this medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) There are some indigenous medications/formulations for treatment of cancer at experimental stage. The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has funded a pilot study undertaken by VCP Cancer Research Foundation, Dehradun for treatment of Acute Pro-myelocytic Leukemia (APML) by a metal based formulation. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha has also formulated a formulation AYUSH QOL-2

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for improving the quality of life of Cancer patients. However, extensive study and clinical trials are yet to be undertaken for these remedies.

Spurious medicines and cosmetics

† 1279. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards spurious drugs and other cosmetics items being sold in the market fearlessly;

(b) if so, the measures being taken to check this and the loss being suffered by the Government due to their illegal sale; and

(c) the names of spurious drugs and cosmetics seized so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The State Drugs Control Organizations who are entrusted with the task of regulating manufacture and sale of drugs and cosmetics including monitoring of their quality and also to check any possible movement of spurious product, have been provided detailed guidelines to ensure effective monitoring over manufacture and sale of any spurious medicines. Moreover, a bill has been introduced in the Parliament to amend the Drugs and Costmetics Act, 1940 to provide stricter punishments to the offenders including maximum penalty of life imprisonment as well as, stiff fines. The bill further provides to make such offences non-bailable and cognizable and to constituted designated courts for speedy trials.

(b) Manufacture and sale of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity and the State Governments are regularly unearthing such activities. Exact loss due to illegal sale is difficult to estimate.

(c) The Data received from the various states for seizure of spurious drugs during year 2004-05 is enclosed as per statement. (See below). The data regarding seized spurious Cosmetics is not maintained centrally.

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